(c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in view of the changed economic situation and growing tensions in the border areas?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The resource constraint has necessitated steps for security economy, resource optimisation, rationalisation and re-prioritisation of programmes/activities of the Armed Forces.

Our Forces continue to be geared to meet any threats from across the border. Government continuously monitor all developments impinging on the country's security and take appropriate measures to ensure effective defence preparedness.

Irregularities in Cantonment Board, Kanpur

1566. SHRI M.V. CHANDRAHEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of OF DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.1365 on August 2, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the local audit officers had also pointed out several financial irregularities by the cantonment Board is not accepting higher offers from another party;

(b) whether the Board had obtained necessary permission from the Department of Environment before damaging the park in question; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT

The Local Audit Officer had inter-alia raised an objection to the acceptance of a bid for Rs.1000/- per month of one Shri Ajay Pandey instead of the offer of Rs.1200/- per month of one Shri Radhey Mohan Sahu in the allotment of a shop on a site bearing Survey No.504, Kanpur Cantonment. Shri Radhey Mohan Sahu did not participate in the auction held on 31.10.81 but made a written offer of Rs.1200/- per month for the same after the auction on 2.11.81. He was asked to deposit six months rent in advance and a sum of Rs.1400/- as security, which he failed to do. The Cantonment Board, Kanpur, thereupon, decided to accept the highest bid of Shri Ajay Pandey, given in the auction. The Government have since approved the conversion 7 Malis quarters for commercial use.

The permission of the Department of Environment is not required as conversion of the site into shops/restaurant is limited to the land on which Malls quarters, covering an area of 1194 Sq.Ft. were located and does not in any way reduce the land under the Mahatma Gandhi Park, which has an area of 5.814 acres.

Recruitment by BSRBs

1567. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has given a ruling that interviews will carry only few marks and the selection will be made on the basis of the performance of the written examination;

(b) if so, the steps taken to implement the Court's observations in the selection of candidates in the Banking Services Examinations;

(c) the time by which the results of the examinations conducted by various BSRBs in 1991 are likely to be declared;